

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of this amendment, the following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the pending application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A treatment device for correcting impairments to hearing, comprising an essentially cylindrically shaped housing, free of external moving operational elements, and formed of metal, the housing having a battery compartment and a sound exit opening, wherein the housing completely surrounds and shields an electronics unit located therein against electromagnetic waves.
2. (Previously Presented) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the battery compartment comprises a watertight seal from the rest of the housing.
3. (Previously Presented) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the sound exit opening is sealed by an acoustically transmitting, watertight film.
4. (Previously Presented) The treatment device according to claim 2, wherein the sound exit opening is sealed by an acoustically transmitting, watertight film.
5. (Previously Presented) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the housing comprises a first housing component with the battery compartment being fastened together with a second housing component and an O-ring seal (3) being located therebetween.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Previously Presented) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the housing is composed of titanium or a titanium alloy.

8. (Previously Presented) The treatment device according to claim 1, further comprising retaining means provided in the battery compartment to fix the position of a battery therein.

9. (Previously Presented) The treatment device according to claim 8, wherein the battery compartment further comprises a hole of small diameter for allowing external access to the battery.

10. (Previously Presented) The treatment device according to claim 8, wherein the retaining means comprise a magnet.

11. (Previously Presented) The treatment device according to claim 10, wherein the magnet comprises a ring magnet, and wherein the battery compartment comprises a hole for allowing external access to the battery, the hole exiting into a center recess of the ring magnet.